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REMARKS

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1. According to the first post-war report on Welzow airfield as of May 1946, the installations at the field had been destroyed; the field covered an area of 1,200 x 1,500 meters with a grass surface and had no runway, taxiways or hangars. In August 1947, the field was temporarily used by the ground attack aircraft from Cottbus airfield. Between February and November 1948, Po-2 aircraft had practiced flying there. Between July and September 1949 and between April and October 1950 respectively, a ground attack regiment and a bomber regiment had been stationed there. In January 1951, preliminary work for the improvement of the field was started. During the construction period which lasted until September 1952 and was interrupted from the late fall of 1950 to the spring of 1952, the following installations were completed at the field:
- a runway, 2,500 x 70 meters, with a 20-cm concrete cover; taxiways, 20 meters wide, on both sides of the runway; 2 connecting lanes from the runway to the southeastern taxiway; expansion strips of the field area to the west and southwest, a spur track, a fuel dump; 42 hardstands with shrapnelproof aircraft revetments along the taxiways; and several quartering and administrative buildings.
- In December 1952, the field was occupied by a bomber regiment from Jueterbog Altes Lager; this regiment transferred to an unidentified destination to the east in June 1953. Meanwhile, construction work on the fence around the field and an ammunition dump at the field had been completed.
2. Regiments transferred to Welzow in July 1953 and the first half of August 1953 respectively included the former Soviet training regiment for the VPL, now designated Aeroclub, from Cottbus; and a fighter regiment from Koethen which is probably not subordinate to the fighter division in Merseburg. In late August 1953, the former Soviet training regiment for the VPL left Welzow and transferred to Puetznitz. Thus, only the fighter regiment from Koethen is still located at Welzow airfield. This regiment established the usual radio installations at the field making it serviceable for night and bad weather flights like all the other fighter airfields.

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